Ram Vijayagopal

Asst. Systems Analysis Engineer, Center for Transportation Research
Energy Systems Division (ES)
Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)

Professional Experience

3/08-present Asst. Systems Analysis Engineer

Center for Transportation Research, ES Division Working as a member of the PSAT development team.

12/03 – 8/06 Engineer

Hitachi Automotive Systems, Ibaraki-ken, Japan

Worked in the 'Control Group' of Electric Powertrain Development Center, on developing, implementing and testing the motor control for a mild hybrid system.

Key responsibilities were

- Design and development of control algorithms for a motor/generator unit.
- Micro-controller programming
- Hardware In the Loop Simulation(HILS)
- Implementing the CAN communication modules in the micro-controller
- Modeling and simulation of hybrid sub-systems in Matlab/Simulink
- Developing on-board diagnostics, fault recognision and fault tolerant strategies
- Testing and validation of the sub-systems and interaction with clients

06/00 - 11/03 Engineer

Mahindra Consulting Ltd, Bombay, India

I was part of the team which developed and implemented the product lifecycle management system for the one of the largest automobile manufacturers in India. Some of the projects were

- Change management, Document management, Configurable product development
- Automatic update & conversion of engineering BOM to process BOM

Education

Master of Science Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan,

Ann Arbor, MI, USA (2006-2008)

Bachelor of Technology Mechanical Engineering, University of Kerala,

Trivandrum, Kerala, India (1996-2000)

Professional Society Activities

Member of Society of Automotive Engineers

Awards

- Hindu-Hitachi scholarship (2002), instituted by Hitachi Corporation, Japan and 'The Hindu', one of India's foremost publishing houses.
- 'State Committee for Science and Technology Research Grant'. (1998 2000)

Publications: Peer Reviewed Conference Papers

 Masahiko Amano, Ram V.Gopal, Takeshi Matsuo, Masaaki Hayashi, "Practical optimization of energy management in parallel hybrid electric vehicles", EVS-20, California, 2003

Oral Presentations

 Ram Vijayagopal, Brian Adornato, Prof.Zoran Filipi, "Modeling and Simulation of Auxiliary Electric Loads on a PHEV", Engineering Graduate Symposium, University of Michigan, MI (Nov, 2008)